

commissioners. Any such notice shall state the subject to be considered at the special meeting and no other subject shall be there considered. All meetings of the board of commissioners and of committees thereof shall be open to the public, and the rules of the board of commissioners shall provide that citizens of the town shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any such meetings in regard to any matter considered thereat; but the board of commissioners or a committee thereof may by a three-fifths vote of all the members authorize an executive meeting.

Meetings open
to public.

Right of citizens
to be heard on
town matters.

Executive sessions.

SEC. 6. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.—At its first meeting in the month of June following a regular municipal election the board of commissioners shall choose one of its members as vice chairman, who shall act as mayor pro tem. The mayor shall preside at meetings of the board of commissioners and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are or may be conferred and imposed upon him by the general laws of North Carolina, by this charter and the ordinances of the town. He shall be recognized as the head of the town government for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for serving civil processes, and by the Governor for purposes of military law. In time of public danger or emergency the mayor shall, if so authorized and directed by vote of the board of commissioners, take command of the police, maintain order and enforce the law. In case of the absence or disability of the mayor, the mayor pro tem shall act as mayor during the continuance of the absence or disability.

Selection of
Mayor Pro Tem.

Powers and duties
of Mayor.

Duties of Mayor
Pro Tem.

SEC. 7. Commission Rules.—The board of commissioners shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its members and the mayor, and in such cases shall have power to subpoena witnesses and compel the production of all pertinent books, records and papers; but the decision of the board of commissioners in any such case shall be subject to review by the courts. The board of commissioners shall determine its own rules and order of business and keep a journal of its proceedings. It shall have power to compel the attendance of absent members, may punish its members for disorderly behavior and, by vote of not less than three members, may expel a member for disorderly conduct or the violation of its rules; but no member shall be expelled unless notified of the charge against him and given an opportunity to be heard in his own defense.

Determination by
Board of election
and qualifications
of Commissioners
and Mayor.

Review by courts.

Powers of Board
over conduct of
business; control
over members.

SEC. 8. Quorum.—A majority of the members elected to the board of commissioners shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance. The affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the board of commissioners shall be necessary to adopt any ordinances, resolution, order or vote; except that a vote to adjourn, or regarding the attendance of absent members, may be adopted by a majority of the members present. No member shall be excused from voting except on matters

Quorum.

Majority vote of
members elected,
necessary to adopt
ordinances, etc.

Members not ex-
cused from vot-
ing; exception.